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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a list of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 179 698 published by the EPO on February 13, 2002 (corresponding to PCT Application Publication No. WO 01/48402 published by WIPO on July 5, 2001 identified in the International Search Report);

B. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 193 428 published by the EPO on April 3, 2002 (corresponding to PCT Application Publication No. WO 01/48403 published by WIPO on July 5, 2001 identified in the International Search Report);

C. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0069635 of Tsukamoto published on June 13, 2002 (corresponding to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-129440 published in Japan on May 9, 2002 identified in the International Search Report);

D. U.K. Patent-Publication No. GB 2 285 067 published in Great Britain on June 28, 1995;

E. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 3-249482 published in Japan on November 7, 1991; and

F. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 10-132086 published in Japan on May 22, 1998.

The above-listed prior art A-C are cited in the European Search Report dated January 12, 2006 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 03 79 5334 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

In addition, prior art D-F are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japanese Patent Office to the basic International Application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Though the prior art E and F is not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Ys along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art E and F.

It should be noted that three of the cited references in the International Search Report, namely WO 01/48402 (corresponding to European Patent Publication No. EP 1 179 698), JP 2002-129440 (corresponding to US 2002/0069635) and WO 01/48403 (corresponding to European Patent Publication No. EP 1 193 428) are also cited in the International Search Report.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

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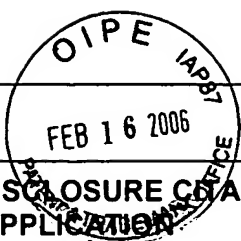
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